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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE STUDENT REQUESTS REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

1. DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE HONG KONG
CALLED CONGENOFF TO SAY THAT A RECENTLY ARRIVED PHILIPPINE
STUDENT, BERNARJERRY E. ESPLANADA (AGED 21), WAS APPEALING
TO IRC FOR ASSISTANCE. THE SUTDENT, WHO WAS REFERRED TO IRC
BY A REPORTER OF TIME MAGAZINE, ALLEGEDLY EXCAPED FROM THE
PHILIPPINES AFTER BEING DETAINED BY THE NATIONAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION. THE IRC DIRECTOR BELIEVED IT WAS PROBABLE
THAT THE STUDENT WOULD APPLY TO THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR
POLITICAL ASYLUM.

2. ESPLANADA REPORTEDLY STATES THAT HE WAS ATTENDING THE
FOREIGN SERVICE SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY MEMBERS OF THE NBI AND TAKEN TO A
BUILDING MARKED "HOME FOR THE AGED" WHICH WAS IN FACT A
DETENTION HOUSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS DETENTION,
HE ESCAPED TO THE COUNTRYSIDE AND LIVED WITH HIS
GRANDMOTHER. AFTER BEING ASSISTED BY SOME FRIENDS TO
OBTAIN A TRAVEL DOCUMENT, HE MANAGED TO FLY TO HONG KONG ON
NOV 27 AND HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THE COLONY AS A
TOURIST FOR ONE MONTH. ESPLANADA REPORTEDLY STATES THAT
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HE IS UNAWARE OF WHY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT
ARRESTED HIM AND THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OF HIS
FRIENDS HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF COMMUNISTORGANIZATIONS.
HE ALLEGES THAT SEVERAL PHILIPPINE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN
KILLED AND THAT HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE.

3. ESPLANADA'S FATHER REPORTEDLY WORKS AS A PIPEFITTER

FOR BECHTEL CORPORATION IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IS NOT
PERMITTED TO HAVE DEPENDENTS WITH HIM.

4. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION
THAT MIGHT HELP IN EVALUATING ESPLANADA'S BONO FIDES AS
A POLITICAL REFUGEE. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO KNOW
WHETHER HE EVER APPLIED FOR IMMIGRATION TO THE US.
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